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NEWSLETTER

LINKING HEALTH AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH MINORITIES IN UTAH

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On Wednesday, **May 14, at 1 p.m. ET**, The Kaiser family foundation will host a live, interactive webcast focusing on the recent state efforts to address health disparities and the factors that can help or hinder the implementation of these projects. The expert panel will discuss the current state-based efforts to improve access to care and outcomes for minority populations, including the work of states such as Massachusetts, Georgia and Ohio.

This LIVE webcast will take a closer look at current state-based efforts to improve access to care and outcomes for minority populations, including the work of states such as Massachusetts, Georgia and Ohio. The panelists will also touch on how these initiatives fit into a state's larger health reform efforts, and the role of the federal government.

This will be an opened webcast discussion on the influence that immigration policies have on federal and state decisions about access to health care and coverage. The panel focuses on questions such as: How is the immigrant population defined in the U.S.? What are the health coverage and access to care challenges facing legal and undocumented immigrants? How have states, local governments and health providers differed in their approaches to addressing the health care needs of recent immigrants? What impact will these decisions have on racial/ethnic health disparities?

This LIVE webcast begins at 1 p.m. ET on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. A video link will be posted approximately 30 minutes in advance of the show. If you do not see one by that time, please refresh your Internet browser.

Submit questions in advance or during the webcast to ask@kaisernetwork.org. The webcast is part of the Foundation's *Today's Topics In Health Disparities* series.

More information:

www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2613



CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN HEALTHCARE: A CLINICAL REVIEW AND VIDEO VIGNETTES FROM THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CME/CE

Target Audience

This activity is intended for all health professionals who treat patients from cultures other than their own.

Goal

The goal of this activity is to educate the health professional on recognizing language barriers and cultural biases and misconceptions, and ways to address them.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Define cultural competence and the rationale for practicing as a culturally competent healthcare professional
2. Implement/practice strategies for reducing practitioners' own biases and misconceptions when encountering patients of a differing cultural background
3. Identify when a language barrier is present and an interpreter is needed
4. Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of trained vs untrained interpreters

Credits Available

Physicians - maximum of 2.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM for physicians

Nurses - 2.0 nursing contact hours (None of these credits is in the area of pharmacology.)

Pharmacists - 2.0 ACPE continuing education credits for pharmacists (0.2 CEUs)

All other healthcare professionals completing continuing education credit for this activity will be issued a certificate of participation.

Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Release Date: April 30, 2008; Valid for credit through April 30, 2009

More information:

www.medscape.com/viewprogram/12540?src=mp&spon=21&uac=98111BJ

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MAKE AGING SERVICES YOUR FIRST AND ONLY CALL!

Senior citizens often have difficulty navigating complicated mazes of resources and programs when they need information or assistance related to aging issues. Most simply don't know where to turn for help when they, or someone they know, have questions.

This month's Salt Lake County Aging Services spotlight is on the Outreach and Referral Program.

This program's focus is directed at connecting older adults to resources in the community. If you, or someone you know, has questions and are looking for resources related to senior issues, the Outreach Program may be able to help you.

The Outreach Program responds to calls for information and assistance from the elderly, their families and caregivers, and the general public and provides information on services and programs available to older adults living in Salt Lake County.

Outreach professionals are available by phone from 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday to discuss your problems and answer your questions on aging related issues. They also visit the elderly in their homes to assess their situation and make appropriate referrals to programs, agencies or organizations that can help them. In addition, the program provides training for community organizations on the needs of the elderly.

If you're looking for resources or have questions on aging related issues, make Aging Services' Outreach and Referral Program your first and only call! (801) 468-2480.

Information submitted by Ken Venables, SLCo Aging Services

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CONFERENCES (I)

4th Annual Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health. Topic: "Men's Health Disparities: Implications for Research and Intervention"

When? **Tuesday, June 3, 2:00-4:00pm EDT**

Where? Webcast, C-band satellite, and Tate-Turner-Kuralt building auditorium and
www.minority.unc.edu

This interactive session will be broadcast in front of a live audience in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt auditorium at the UNC School of Social Work and can be viewed over c-band satellite and the Internet (webcast). Questions will be taken from Remote participants by email and toll-free telephone. WHEN: 2:00pm-4:00pm EDT Monday, June 3, 2008 (in order to avoid distractions during the broadcast, participants for the studio audience should arrive at TTK auditorium by 1:30pm and be seated by 1:45pm).

For more information: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2008/

To register a satellite downlink site: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2008/satellite/

To register for the Internet broadcast: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2008/webcast/

Utah State Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Division of Aging and Adult Services cordially invite you to the: 2008 Multi-Ethnic Senior Summit

The summit will present current programs available to serve the multiethnic senior population of Utah and open up a dialogue on the needs of the community

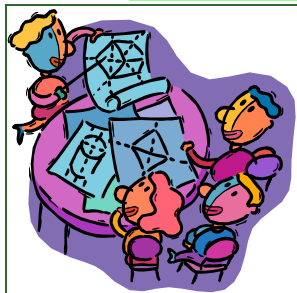
When: **Thursday May 22, 2008**. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Facilitator: Alan Ormsby, Executive Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

Where: Weber Area Agency on Aging, 237 26th Street, Ogden

More information contact: Laura Garcia at 538-5791 or e-mail at: lgarcia@utah.gov

Limited Seating – Maximum of 3 persons per agency



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The UDOH/Diabetes Telehealth Program: Managing Hypertension and Diabetes

By Barry Stults, MD.

Wednesday, **May 21, 2008**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (MST)

Barry Stults, MD is Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Clinical Professor at the University of Utah, School of Medicine. For this program, Dr. Stults will discuss the extraordinary prevalence of hypertension in diabetes, the role hypertension plays in the development of complications, the factors that contribute to only one-third of diabetic hypertensives having their blood pressure controlled to goal, recognizing the target blood pressure for persons with diabetes in office and home settings, and strategies for controlling high blood pressure among patients with diabetes.

Online Registration: Available at <http://health.utah.gov/diabetes/telehealth/telehealth.htm>

Video participation: If you would like to participate by video, please contact Nathan at 801-538-6248 to see if this can be done at your site. Video connection charges would be covered.

CE Credits: 1.5 hours for Nurses; 1 hour for Dietitians; and 1 hour for all others.

Utah Public Health Association Conference

When: **May 19-21, 2008**

Where: Zermatt Hotel , Midway, Utah

This conference provides several Category I CHECH's. A sign up sheet for CECH's will be at the registration desk with a listing of sessions approved for credits. Certificates of Conference Attendance are available upon request for members of the Utah Environmental Health Association and other professionals (i.e., nurses) who may need them.

More information: <http://www.upha.org/conference/index.htm>



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TRAININGS

Free Train of Trainers on National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)*

When: **May 27, 2008** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: CU Office (1341 South/ State Street , suite 211, Salt Lake City)

Organized by: The Multicultural Health Network of Utah/CLAS Committee

More information: Contact Isabel mhn@cuutah.org or 801-487-4145

Space is limited. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in public presentations and working in a health-related field.

CLAS* Standards: The CLAS standards are primarily directed at health care organizations; however, individual providers are also encouraged to use the standards to make their practices more culturally and linguistically accessible. The principles and activities of culturally and linguistically appropriate services should be integrated throughout an organization and undertaken in partnership with the communities being served.

The 14 standards are organized by themes: Culturally Competent Care (Standards 1-3), Language Access Services (Standards 4-7), and Organizational Supports for Cultural Competence (Standards 8-14). Within this framework, there are three types of standards of varying stringency: mandates, guidelines, and recommendations

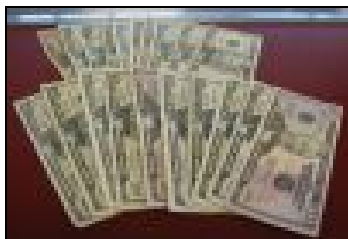
Spanish CPR/First Aid Class

When: the evening of the **29th & 31st of May**

Organized by: The Mountain Valley Chapter

This course which normally costs \$55.00 person will be offered at the reduced price of just \$30.00 per person.

Call the chapter at (801) 373-8580 for more Information.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Utah Department of Health Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program has funding available to fund up to two new agencies to enhance or develop and implement organizational protocols, procedures, and programs to **improve control of high blood pressure and/or high blood cholesterol in Utah's Hispanic or Utah's frontier** (6 or fewer people per square mile) populations*. Frontier counties in Utah: Beaver, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Uintah, Wayne

If your agency chooses Hispanic Utahns, it can be in an urban or rural area as well. If your agency chooses the frontier population, you can focus on all races and ethnicities.

Hispanics make up 11% of Utah's population, and have less access to health care and health insurance coverage. Residents of Utah frontier areas have higher rates of blood pressure and heart disease than the rest of the State. High blood pressure and high blood cholesterol are major risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Both conditions can be controlled through appropriate treatment and self-management.

Agencies can apply for up to \$8,000.00. **The application is due May 28, 2008.**

If you have any questions or need more information please call: Karen Coats kcoats@utah.gov or 801-538-6227

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is soliciting applications for abstinence-only educational programs in the state of Utah. Local governments, public or private not for profit organizations, for profit organizations, state offices and agencies, units of local governments, and Indian tribal governments are encouraged to apply for contract funds. The Utah **Abstinence Education Program** encourages the development of effective strategies to promote abstinence among Utah youth.

Target Population: The target population for the grants will be boys and girls between the ages of nine and fourteen or Hispanic youth between the ages of fifteen and nineteen years. Applicants can choose which population they would like to target. Please note, if you choose to apply for the Hispanic, ages 15-19 grant, at least 75% of those receiving program instruction/services must be of Hispanic origin.

Project Awards: Awards will be given in the amounts of \$10,000 to \$70,000.

Due Date: Applications must be received by **5:00 PM on May 30, 2008**. One signed unbound original and eight unbound copies are required.

Project Duration: Awarded projects will be implemented within 30 days of the award of the grant/contract. The Abstinence Education funding will be renewable each year for up to three years depending on availability of federal funds and project performance. Projects will be monitored each year to determine if they are meeting goals and objectives and adhering to state and federal guidelines. A project year runs from October 1 to September 30.

Contact Information: For additional information, please call Jennifer Mayfield, Abstinence Education Coordinator, at (801) 538-9317, jmayfield@utah.gov

For more funding opportunities visit the previous issues of *The Connection*
<http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/news.html#newsletters>

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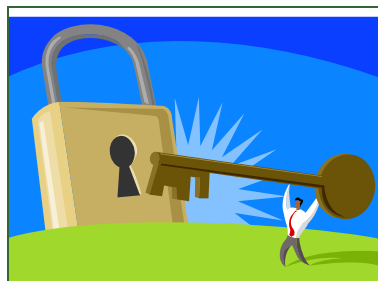
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Utah Partners for Health has a position opening for an Assistant to the Executive Director.

This position is part-time, 16-20 hours per week. Salary range from \$16K to \$24K without benefits.

Send resume and contact information to: Kurt Micka kmicka@upfh.com

SLCC Job Opening - Advisor II (Hispanic/Latino Students)

I would like to inform you of a job opening (see attached description) for an Academic and Career Advisor II working with Hispanic/Latino students. We are eager to find someone who has education and advising experience, knowledge of the Hispanic community and a commitment to helping students succeed. Fluency in Spanish is strongly preferred. The position is open until filled but has a priority review deadline date of May 16.

Apply online at SLCC Human Resources website: www.slcc.edu/hr/

For questions, call Human Resources at 957-4210

Colors of Success, Inc. Program Specialist

Program Specialist will implement a teen pregnancy prevention program for males and females between the ages of 14 & 18 years old. Must have an undergraduate degree in related field or a minimum of 2 years experience working with at-risk and/or high-risk youth and families. Must be a self-motivated, team player; have the ability to balance multiple projects; excellent writing and communication skills; group facilitation skills; knowledge and understanding of community resources; proficiency with Microsoft products and Internet as well as the ability to meet deadlines.

Closing date is 5/16/08

Hourly wage range: \$13.00 to 15.00

This is a full-time position with available benefits.

To Apply: Fax cover letter and resume to 801 596.9085 attention Leticia Medina or email to lmolina@colorsofsuccess.com or mail to 1747 South 900 West, Ste 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84104.

The Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations seeks a reparation officer to determine eligibility of crime victims for financial assistance. Fluency in Spanish required. Bachelor degree in Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice or equivalent work or volunteer experience with victims or benefit eligibility determination required.

Starting hourly rate will be between \$14.00 and \$16.00.

Send cover letter and resume to:

Ron Gordon, Director; 350 East 500 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

or to fax number 801-533-4127 by Friday, May 16.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please submit: feedback, suggestions, ideas, news, events or articles to: ddiez@utah.gov



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ABOUT THE CMH

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and high-quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Dulce Díez is awarded "Rookie of the Year"

The Health Education Association of Utah has selected CMH employee Dulce Díez as "Rookie of the Year." This award is given to a new Health Education Professional in recognition of their contribution to health education. A "new" Health Education Professional is defined as an individual who has been in the health education field for two years or less.

Dulce has made several valuable contributions to CMH in her early health education career. She has been involved in defining the mission of CMH and establishing a strategic plan while the program is still in its infancy. Dulce has had a key role as the coordinator of the State Partnership Grant to improve Minority Health. The monthly e-newsletter Dulce started and supervises, "The CONNECTION", boasts a readership of about 5000 page views per year and is frequently praised by CMH constituents. She has also been responsible for building relationships between CMH and local health departments.

CMH appreciates Dulce's contributions and is proud of her accomplishments. ¡Felicidades, Dulce!

April Y. Bennett

Women's Health Fair

Come and talk to the experts on a variety of women's health issues. Door prizes and giveaways Health screenings. Take home your own health portfolio. Learn about the 7 Domains of Health Exhibits by the Utah Department of Health.

When: **May 15, 2008**, 5:30 -8:00 pm

Where: Madsen Clinic, 555 S Foothill Blvd, SLC

Northern Utah Health Fair

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

WHEN: 10AM-2PM

WHERE: MARSHALL WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER ,222 28TH STREET ,OGDEN

General screenings and health information for all community members. Everybody is welcome!

Questions? Call Betty at 394-0924 or Becky at 399-7192

Salt Lake County, Office of Diversity and Human Rights Newsletter
<http://www.slcgov.com/mayor/divHR/newsletter/may08.pdf>

For more events visit our calendar
<http://my.calendars.net/multicultural>

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